

SYNOPSIS OF GYNECOLOGY—Fifth Edition—Robert James Crossen, M.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Gynecology and Obstetrics, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis; Daniel Winston Beacham, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology, Tulane University School of Medicine; and Woodard Davis Beacham, M.D., Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology, Tulane University School of Medicine. The C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis, 1959. 340 pages, illustrated, \$6.50.

This small volume is intended as a guide for students and general practitioners who require a knowledge of the principal facts and general principles of gynecology but not the detailed knowledge necessary for specialization. The emphasis is on the practical, in tests, methods of examination, and treatment. For the most part the management suggested is modern and generally acceptable. The first chapter furnishes an adequate outline of the anatomy and physiology of the female genitalia. The second chapter deals with gynecologic examination and diagnosis and is rather more detailed than the descriptions of diseases. It is a very satisfactory treatise with adequate illustrations and references. The subsequent chapters deal with Malformations, Diseases of the Vulva, (less than a page is devoted to vulval cancer), Diseases of the Vagina, Malpositions of the Uterus, Pelvic Infections, Benign Lesions of the Uterus, Malignant Lesions of the Uterus, Endometriosis, Ovarian Tumors, Complications of Pregnancy, Disturbances of Function, Infertility (four pages), Miscellaneous Disturbances (such as the climacteric, backache, and the breast) and a short section on Medicolegal Points in Gynecology.

As indicated above the views expressed seem sound enough though somehow the patient seems to lose her identity as a human being; the various diseases, tests and treatments seem to assume a rather detached character.

This is the kind of small book—it would fit easily into one's coat pocket—that should prove to be very popular with medical students.

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SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS—A Mount Sinai Hospital Monograph—Editors George Baehr, M.D., and Paul Klemperer, M.D. Contributions to the Symposium by Members of the Staff of the Mount Sinai Hospital, New York. Grune & Stratton, 381 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y., 1959. 84 pages, \$3.75.

This is an excellent coverage of a disease that is much more commonly recognized than previously. The pathology is well depicted. The discussion of the pathogenetic significance of the lupus erythematosus cell phenomenon is exceedingly good. There is, also, very good coverage of the clinical picture, including treatment. This constitutes one of the best sources of authoritative information on this subject with which this reviewer is familiar.

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SYNOPSIS OF EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT DISEASES—Robert E. Ryan, B.S., M.D., M.S., (ALR), F.A.C.S.; Department of Otolaryngology, St. Louis University School of Medicine; Associate Otolaryngologist, St. John's Hospital, St. Louis; William C. Thornell, A.B., B.M., M.D., M.S. (ALR), F.A.C.S.; Assistant Professor, Department of Otolaryngology, Cincinnati College of Medicine, University of Cincinnati; and Hans von Leden, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.I.C.S.; Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology, Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago. The C. V. Mosby Company, 3207 Washington Blvd., St. Louis 3, Mo., 1959. 383 pages, illustrated, \$6.75.

As stated in the title, this book is a symposium or digest of diseases of the ear, nose and throat, and as such covers the specialty very well. It is brief and concise. It is especially useful for reference for general practitioners; interns

and lawyers, who deal with medical problems and any one interested in the subject.

It is written so clearly that anyone, medical men or the laity can comprehend it. Of course no details of surgical technique or complete medical treatment are given, as it is not designed for such coverage.

The 59 drawings are excellent and aid in making the text clear.

It is well written and is backed by the authors' vast amount of experience as practitioners and teachers.

It should be on the reference shelf of otolaryngologists and others interested in the subject.

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SURGEON AND THE CHILD, THE—Willis J. Potts, M.D., Surgeon in Chief, Children's Memorial Hospital; Professor of Pediatric Surgery, Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia, 1959. 255 pages, \$7.50.

Dr. Willis J. Potts has written, in a beautiful manner, a textbook on the surgical problems of infancy and childhood. Basically, the book consists of the author's personal experiences and those of the staff of Children's Memorial Hospital of Chicago, reported in a conversational style, as he would tell it to you personally.

There is much on diagnosis, indications and contra-indications for surgery and a splendid chapter on the understanding of infants and children who are ill. Pre-operative and post-operative care are well presented. On the whole the book is adequately illustrated. There are no references and no attempt is made to review the previous literature on the various diseases.

Most of the subject matter concerns itself with the problems of congenital anomalies. There are excellent chapters on congenital atresia of the esophagus, undescended testicle, Hirschsprung's disease and most of the common problems due to developmental defects. The chapters dealing with respiratory problems in the newborn as well as infants and young children, and the congenital cardiovascular anomalies amenable to surgery are exceptionally well done.

This volume will be extremely helpful not only to surgeons dealing with surgical problems of infancy and childhood, but also to pediatricians, general practitioners, obstetricians and young physicians in training for special fields of surgery.

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PROGRESS IN HEMATOLOGY—Volume II—Leandro M. Tocantins, M.D., with 19 Contributors. Grune & Stratton, Inc., 381 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, New York, 1959. 290 pages, \$9.75.

This book follows Volume I which appeared in 1956. All of the papers will be of interest to hematologists, although one wonders about the inclusion of a surgical paper on esophageal varices. A brief review of phase microscopy and cinematography in hematology by Bessis is well illustrated and of interest to all. There is a basic and excellent review of factors in the sickling phenomenon; also papers on the hematologic aspects of serotonin and lipid anticoagulants. For the pediatrician and pathologist, there are papers on Kernicterus and ABO Incompatibility. There is a review of platelet transfusion and Wilkinson's experience with Myleran in chronic myeloid leukemia. Bone marrow transplantation and radiation injury, humoral factors in erythropoiesis, blood preservation and transmission of leukemia are reviewed. For the most part the papers are well chosen, well written, up to date and timely. The book is highly recommended, and the reviewer looks forward to Volume III.